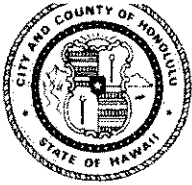


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## City Concerned for Future of Waimea Valley

*Councilmember Dela Cruz wants assurance that preparations are being made to maintain Waimea Valley as a public space*

**Honolulu:** Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz will request that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs keep the City and County of Honolulu informed of their plans to manage Waimea Valley following last month's announcement that the National Audubon Society is pulling out of their contract to manage the valley.

Dela Cruz, who represents Council District II, introduced **Resolution 07-041** with the intent that OHA will brief the City on how they plan to address the problem.

"We've all worked so hard to keep this valley free from development and open to the public, I want to give OHA a chance to alleviate peoples concerns for the valley's future by asking them to update us on the status and proposed solution to the problem," says Dela Cruz.

In 2006 plans were finalized between the City and County of Honolulu, state, and federal agencies to purchase Waimea Valley. The City itself has dedicated over \$5 million dollars to the purchase and is therefore interested in the future plans for keeping the valley open for the community.

"This is one of the biggest land deals in the City's history and we just want to make sure that everything is being done to keep Waimea viable for the future. If there is anything the City and County can do to assist, we want to know," says Dela Cruz.

Resolution 07-041 will be heard in the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on Wednesday, February 7 at 2:30 p.m. (Council Committee Room).

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